

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 8-11 have been added. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action objects to the title as being non-descriptive. The title has been amended which obviates this objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by Lin (U.S. Patent No. 4,807,118) in view of Barr (U.S. Patent Application No. 20030182419). Applicants respectfully assert that the combination of Lin and Barr fail to disclose or suggest the features of claims 1-7 which include an Integrated circuit comprising a plurality of processing modules (M; I; S; T) and a network (N; RN) arranged for providing at least one connection between a first and at least one second module as recited in claims 1-6 and exchanging messages in an integrated circuit comprising a plurality of modules, where the messages between the modules are being exchanged over connections via a network. Lin describes a "cluster" which is two or more separate computer systems. Barr describes a telematics client framework and does not rectify the shortcomings of Lin as to this rejection.

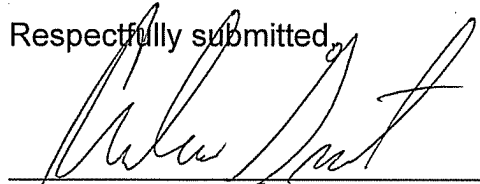
Newly added claims 8-11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively, and, thus, are also not rendered obvious by this combination of art. Moreover claims 9 and 11 describe the processing modules and the network being disposed on the chip, as opposed to the cluster of Lin.

Accordingly, for at least the above-described reasons, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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